

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

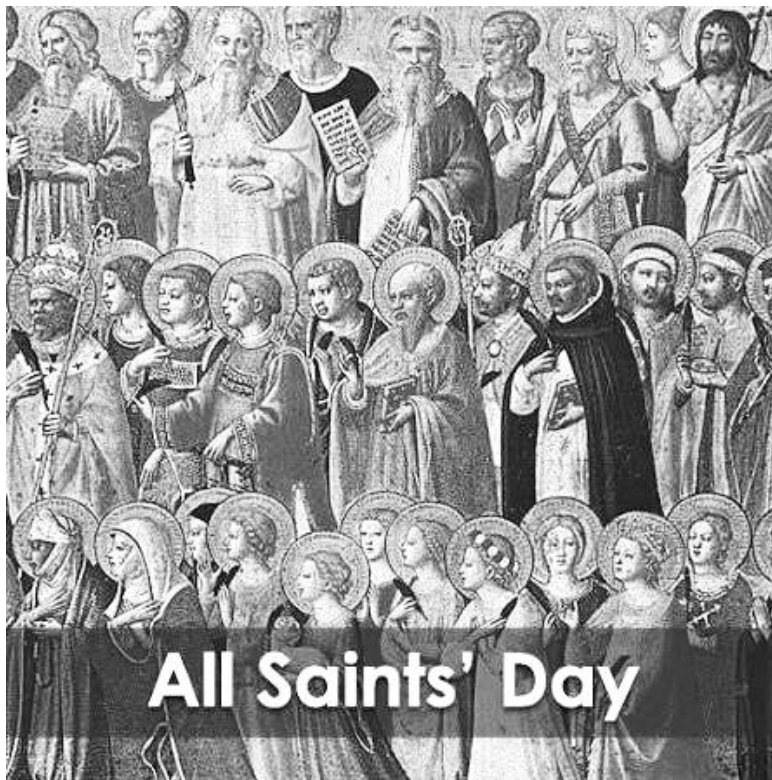
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1 November 2026 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Communion

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship

Welcome to this All Saints' service.

Come, pray where others have prayed before you.

Sing where others have sung.

Open your hearts to God in a place

where others have opened their hearts to God.

**We give thanks for those who have taught us
and for the love of God which shapes us.**

We sing as the Bible is carried in.

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Douglas Mews AA 54

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, *Alleluia!*

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, *Alleluia!*

And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread, *Alleluia!*

Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain,
in resurrection to grow green again. *Alleluia!*

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all.

A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, news, anniversaries, etc.

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],
may he guide you always.

Please stand for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,

for the good that you are to this community,

and for the good that you do through this community,

we give you thanks.

**Bless our offering of these gifts and our offering of our service,
that each may work your good,**

we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Bible Reading *Matthew 5:1-12*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

An All Saints' Day Talk *Professor John Stenhouse*

Dunedin Women's Suffragists and their Enemies 1880-1900

Communion Hymn words Marnie Barrell music Colin Gibson FFS 55

Relentless lover, God in Christ,

who died to set us free,

unswerving as your love for us

may our commitment be:

to come and learn what courage means,

and take the challenge up

to walk with Christ through death to life,

to share his bitter cup.

And when we come, may that fierce love
be tasted, touched and known,
as we who gather round the Cross
meet Christ's death in our own.
God grant we shall not fear to drink
his cup, the blood he shed,
nor let our hands, unwounded, shrink
from taking up his bread.

So let the Spirit draw us near
to find, in hope and trust,
his broken body risen here,
his life renewed in us;
life given, life received again
in thousandfold increase;
he lives, and sends us out to be
his living gift of peace.

Invitation and Story behind the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

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We join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world

and we are stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.
The ground and the rootless,
the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.
**Lord, put our fullness
at the service of the empty.**

We cannot hear your words of peace
and forget the world at war or, if not at war, then preparing for it.
**Show us quickly, Lord,
how to turn weapons into welcome signs
and the lust for power
into a desire for peace.**

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family
and forget our divisions.
we are one in spirit, but not in fact.
History and hurt still dismember us.
**Lord, heal your church
in every brokenness.**

Breaking of the Bread and Distribution

*Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.
We have gluten-free bread and use unfermented grape juice.*

Let us pray:
**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be through you,
still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

*Liturgy B for Holy Communion from A Wee Worship Book
Wild Goose Worship Group*

Hymn words and music Colin Gibson AA 85

*Let justice roll down like a river, let justice roll down like a sea,
Let justice roll down like a river, let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who go hungry, crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance to beg for a morsel of bread. *Chorus*

Justice for those who are homeless, victims of warfare or need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere, lost in the canyons of greed. *Chorus*

Justice for all who are powerless, yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered, and robbed of their birthright, silently bearing their pain.
Chorus

Dismissal and Blessing

Go to love and serve the Lord.

We go in the name of Christ.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God the Creator, Redeemer
and Sustainer of life be with you all. Amen

*After the service, please place your empty communion glass
in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

***For those who are interested in seeing whether a relative signed the 1893
women's suffrage petition, you can find that information on this website
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/suffrage125>***

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Benjamin Thew
Music: David Murray
Readings: David Murray
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Chris Young and Jane Millichamp
Church Cleaning: Christine Cleugh
Hall Cleaning: Jane Bloore

Opportunities for ministry week ending 8 November

Door Duty: John and Mary Somerville
Music: David Murray
Readings: Rudie Tomlinson
Prayers: Benjamin Thew
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

1 November ~ Sunday	7 p.m.: Political forum in church
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, Remembrance Sunday
10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Friday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
6 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
9 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 December ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Community Christmas Lunch, church hall
13 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, children's Christmas service
17 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBC
20 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Lessons and Carols
24 December ~ Thursday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Friday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
27 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA

Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com